

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 83-85

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: DETERMINING PRIOR REFUGEE STATUS

REFERENCE: ACL 83-23

This letter is being issued to advise counties that the "class" code on Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) Form I-551 (Resident Alien) may be used to determine an individual's prior immigration status before adjustment to that of Resident Alien.

The use of this code will assist counties that are experiencing difficulty in determining refugee status due to secondary migration and instances where the individuals no longer possess the original or a photocopy of INS Form I-94.


In absence of Form I-94, a Form I-551 denoting one of the following class codes may be used to substantiate prior refugee status. The class code is located above the individual's signature on the front of the document. As required with the I-94, a copy of Form I-551 must be maintained in the individual's case file for future verification of refugee status.

<u>CLASS CODE</u>	<u>PRIOR STATUS</u>	<u>LIMITATION</u>
AS6	Asylee (granted asylum)	None
AS7	Spouse of AS6	None
AS8	Child of AS6	None
RE6	Refugee	None

<u>CLASS CODE</u>	<u>PRIOR STATUS</u>	<u>LIMITATION</u>
RE7	Spouse of RE6, unless RE6 in own right	None
RE8	Child of RE6, unless RE6 in own right	None
R86	Refugee	None
IC6	Indochinese Refugee	None
IC7	Spouse or child of IC6	Call CWD Operations Bureau Consultant for Ruling
CU6	Cuban Refugee	Entered U.S. on or after 10-1-78
CU7	Non-Cuban Spouse or Child of CU6	Call CWD Operations Bureau Consultant for Ruling
P76	Conditional entry refugee	Entered U.S. prior to 4-1-80

It should be noted that the earlier edition of the Resident Alien document (INS Form I-151) does not contain the class code information; therefore, this document can not be used to substantiate prior refugee status. However, most individuals who were initially admitted into the U.S. as refugees and who possess this earlier edition of the Resident Alien document (INS Form I-151) are time-expired for Refugee Resettlement Program funding/eligibility purposes and may not be claimed as refugee cases.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact your Office of Refugee Services CWD Operations Consultant in Sacramento at (916) 322-3141 or San Francisco at (415) 557-8588, as appropriate.


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